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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS;

UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION

REF: STATE 104050 AND 99106

1. ON BASIS OF BOTH REFTELS, AMBASSADOR HAD LONG DISCUSSION WITH MALTA UN PERMREP ATTARD KINGSWELL (WHO IS ALSO AMBASSADOR TO US, CANADA, EC AND SOME 15 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES).

2. SPECIFICALLY REGARDING SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, KINGSWELL AT FIRST CLAIMED TO BE PLEASED WITH RESULTS. WHEN PRESSED FOR EXPLANATION, HE COULD ONLY SAY THAT HE HAD EXPECTED NOTHING FROM SESSION BUT FELT THAT "SOMETHING" HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. AS CONVERSATION PROGRESSED, IT BECAME QUITE CLEAR THAT

KINGSWELL FOUND THE UNITY AND POWER OF NACG/GROUP 77 AND EXCITING EXPERIENCE WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS PITTING THOSE
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WHO WISH TO MOVE FORWARD AGAINST THE "STATUS QUO" POWERS.

3. KINGSWELL ALSO REFLECTED--AND EVEN STATED--MALTESE RESENTMENT AGAINST TREATMENT OF MALTA WITHIN WEO GROUP. HE SAID MANY OF OTHERS HAVE INDICATED THEY CONSIDER MALTA AN INTERLOPER IN WEO, NO REALLY IN THE SAME CLASS AND INFERIOR.

4. WHEN AMBASSADOR REVIEWED SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT STEAMROLLER TACTICS AS WELL AS MORE GENERAL US CONCERNS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN UN WHICH JEOPARDIZE EFFECTIVENESS OF THAT BODY, KINGSWELL AT FIRST CHANNELLED US TACTICS AND EVEN OUR VERSION OF EVENTS. HE EVENTUALLY CONCEDED THAT A "FEW" COUNTRIES ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEIR POWER POSITION, AND FINALLY ADMITTED THAT HE FELT HIMSELF AT TIMES CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE BETWEEN HIS LACK OF CONVICTION ON CERTAIN ISSUES PUSHED BY NON-ALIGNED AND FEELINGS OF LOYALTY TO THAT GROUP. WHILE EXPRESSING HIMSELF MORE MODERATELY TOWARD END OF CONVERSATION, AND SUGGESTED THAT ABUSE OF POWER WOULD PROBABLY NOT ENDURE, HE ESSENTIALLY REMAINED LOYAL TO HIS COUNTRY'S ADHERENCE TO THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP.

5. COMMENT: IT SEEMS TO US THAT A LARGE PART OF US PROBLEM LIES WITH OUR "FRIENDS", BOTH AMONG DEVELOPED AND RICHER UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES SUCH AS IRAN. IF WE CANNOT GET REASONABLE SUPPORT FROM THESE, IT WOULD SEEM AT BEST UNFAIR AND AT WORST COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO RESORT TO PRIZES AND PENALTIES APPROACH TO SMALLER LDC'S AS SUGGESTED PARA 4(C), STATE 099106. OTHER SUGGESTIONS UNDER PARA 4 APPEAR LOGICAL.

6. MUCH OF MALTA'S PROBLEM IS PSYCHOLOGICAL DERIVING FROM COMBINATION OF MINUTE SIZE AND MINTOFF'S CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN MAKING A SPLASH ON THE WORLD SCENE--AT LEAST IN HIS OWN MIND. WHETHER CONSCIOUSLY OR NOT, WE ARE ALSO SURE THAT HE IS AFFECTED BY CONTRAST BETWEEN HIS LAVISH RECEPTION IN CHINA TWO YEARS AGO, AND HIS INABILITY TO OBTAIN INVITATION TO VISIT U.S. OR EVEN TO HAVE MAJOR

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U.S. FIGURE TO VISIT MALTA. TIME AND EXTERNAL EVENTS MAY MELLOW HIS ATTITUDE AND CONSEQUENTLY MALTA'S BEHAVIOR IN UN AND NON-ALIGNED CONTEST; UNTIL THEN WE SHOULD USE ANY OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED TO ARGUE THAT MALTA'S OWN INTERESTS ARE BEING ADVERSELY AFFECTED..&35

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